

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY KABUL  
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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1  
TAGS: PGOV, PEPR, PINT, AF, PK, UR  
SUBJECT: PAKISTANI VIEW OF AFGHAN DEVELOPMENTS

REF: ISLAMABAD 4630

1. PAKISTANI AMBASSADOR ARSHAD CAME TO SEE ME ON MAY 11.  
HE IS A LONGTIME AFGHAN HAND. HE IS DEEPLY DEPRESSED  
ABOUT THE SITUATION IN THIS REGION FOLLOWING THE AFGHAN  
COUP, AND HIS COMMENTS TO ME WERE VERY MUCH ALONG THE LINE  
OF GENERAL ZIA'S LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER CONTAINED REFTTEL.

2. IN ESSENCE, ARSHAD BELIEVES THAT AFGHANISTAN HAS  
FALLEN IRRETRIEVABLY INTO THE SOVIET ORBIT AND THAT,  
IN THE COURSE OF TIME, SOVIET PRESSURE COMBINED WITH  
INTERNAL INSTABILITY IN IRAN AND PAKISTAN COULD BRING  
THE LATTER TWO COUNTRIES ALSO UNDER SOVIET DOMINATION.  
AT ONE POINT, HE SAID IT IS PROBABLY ALREADY TOO LATE  
FOR THE UNITED STATES TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT THIS SITUATION,

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AND HE SPECULATED THAT THE UNITED STATES, IN ITS POST-  
VIETNAM MOOD, IS, IN ANY CASE, UNLIKELY TO DO ANYTHING.

3. ON PAK-AFGHAN RELATIONS, ARSHAD SAID HE HAD SPOKEN  
SHARPLY TO THE NEW AFGHAN FOREIGN MINISTER, HAFIZULLAH  
AMIN, FOLLOWING RECENT NEW REFERENCES IN THE AFGHAN PRESS TO

THE PUSHTUNISTAN ISSUE (KABUL 3813). ARSHAD SAID HE TOLD AMIN THAT, IF THE AFGHANS STIR UP THE PUSHTUNISTAN ISSUE AGAIN, THE PAKISTANIS WILL REPLY IN KIND. ARSHAD COMMENTED TO ME, HOWEVER, THAT HE IS CONVINCED THAT THE SOVIETS WILL SEE TO IT THAT THE AFGHANS KEEP THE PUSHTUNISTAN ISSUE ALIVE.  
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